

As regards implementation of the protocol, negotiations are in progress between both sides for finalising the visits of the sports specialists, experts and teams. Regarding appointment of Russian Coaches, Government have approved the appointment of Russian Coaches on contract basis in the sports disciplines of Athletics, Greco-Roman Wrestling, Throwing and Sports Physiology.

Effects of DDT

2214. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any research or study had been undertaken by the Indian Council of Medical Research on the effect of D.D.T. on women;

(b) if so, the details and findings thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to an ICMR-study on the effect of DDT on women, further studies are required to evaluate the exact role of DDT compounds in uterine leiomyomas. Another study on pesticide residues in pregnant women indicated presence of pesticides in breast milk, maternal blood, placenta blood and placenta.

(c) Use of DDT in agriculture is already banned. The use of BHC has been banned from 1.4.97. Although restricted quantities of DDT are being used in areas where malaria vector mosquitos is responding to DDT and for Kala-azar control, several alternatives such as new generation insecticides and bio-environmental have also been identified now out the use of DDT is being phased out. However pesticide residue remain in the soil for several decade and find their way into the food Chain. This phenomenon is world wide and not restricted only to India.

Medical Facilities

2215. SHRI K.P. NAIDU :

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :

SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that M.B.B.S. doctors and other specialists of the country do not like to work in the rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce a two years middle ring condensed course for the doctors working in rural areas so that rural people may not be deprived of medical facilities;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to lay the condition of three years rural area service before giving permission to do M.D. courses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Earlier short-term courses like Licentiate Medical Practitioner (LMP) was available. The Licentiate Medical Course has been discontinued from 22.1.1980 by the MCI with the approval of the Central Government.

(d) and (e) The State/UT Governments have been advised to consider introducing regional decentralised recruitment policy for doctors for filling up vacancies of doctors in rural areas and reserving a certain percentage of post graduate seats for Medical Officers who have put in two to three years service in rural areas.

PRS at Educational Institutions

2216. SHRI RUP CHAND MURMU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide Public Relations Services in educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c) Each Central University and Deemed University have post of a Public Relations Officer. Similarly, most State Universities too have posts of Public Relations Officers.

Tribute to Subhas Chandra Bose

2217. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to pay tribute to Subhas Chandra Bose in his centenary year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have decided to celebrate the birth centenary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose through year-long programmes and activities beginning from 23rd January, 1997. To mark the commencement of the celebrations, a public function was organised at the

Red Fort on 23rd January, 1997 which was attended among others by the President of India, the Vice President and the Prime Minister. The Programmes and activities of the centenary year are being guided by a National Committee under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister. A Sub-Committee of the National Committee under the chairmanship of the Minister of Human Resource Development has already prepared an Action Plan in this behalf.

23rd January, 1997-the birthday of Netaji-has been declared Desh Prem Diwas (Day of Patriotism) and will be commemorated as such every year. A commemorative postage stamp in the memory of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was released by the President of India on 23rd January, 1997. Commemorative coins of Rs. 100/- Rs. 50/- and Rs. 10/- and a circulation coin of Rs. 2/- were also released by the President of India in a special ceremony held on 19th February, 1997.

All State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have also been requested to celebrate this momentous event in a befitting manner.

(c) Does not arise.

Technical Institutions

2218. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of degree level and diploma level technical institutions located in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether regional concentration of technical institutions has some connection with commercialisation of technical education by private trusts and societies in those States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of engineering colleges and management institutions located in N.E. States, State-wise;

(e) whether regional imbalance in technical education is harmful for the development of technical education in the country; and

(f) if so, the action taken by All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) to correct the imbalance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (f) A statement giving the number of degree level and diploma level technical institutions in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh and North Eastern States as on 31.12.1996 is enclosed. It is a fact that concentration of institutions in a few States is more as compared to others. AICTE is seized of this problem and is encouraging those States lacking such facilities to set up appropriate level technical institutions based on manpower needs. At the same time, the Council is

discouraging starting of new technical institutions where the concentration is more.

Statement

State\UT	Number of Degree Institutions	No. of Diploma Institutions
1. Maharashtra	106	157
2. Karnataka	51	179
3. Tamil Nadu	90	161
4. Andhra Pradesh	34	82
5. Meghalaya	-	02
6. Assam	03	09
7. Manipur	-	03
8. Mizoram	-	01
9. Nagaland	-	01
10. Tripura	01	01
11. Sikkim	01	-

Development of College in Kerala

2219. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether University Grants Commission has received any request from the Government of Kerala for assistance grant for the development of the college in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rashtriya Barh Ayog

2220. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 2634 on August 11, 1994 regarding "Rashtriya Barh Ayog" and state :

(a) whether the recommendations of the Ayog have since been considered and implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have enquired into the recent flood destruction caused in Southern parts of Andhra Pradesh;